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SUBJECT: US COUNTERVAILING DUTY DETERMINATION ON FERROCHROME  
FROM SOUTH AFRICA RECEIVES PRESS ATTENTION.

REF: PRETORIA 2643

1. FOLLOWING UP ITS ARTICLE OF JULY 15 (SEE REFTEL) ON THE  
ABOVE SUBJECT, THE JOHANNESBURG STAR PUBLISHED ARTICLES IN ITS  
BUSINESS SECTION ON JULY 16 AND 17. THE STAR'S FINANCIAL EDITOR  
VISITED THE SENIOR COMMERCIAL OFFICER BEFORE WRITING HIS JULY 17  
ARTICLE. COPIES OF THE ARTICLES ARE BEING AIRPOUCHED TO THE  
DEPARTMENT.

2. ON JULY 16 THE STAR EMPHASIZED THE POTENTIALLY WIDE  
RAMIFICATIONS OF THE US TREASURY'S TENTATIVE RULING ON SOUTH  
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AFRICA'S ENTIRE EXPORT PROMOTION PROGRAM. THE NEWSPAPER POINTED

OUT THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN FERROCHROME PRODUCTION,

WITH THREE COMPANIES ALREADY PRODUCING FERROCHROME AND TWO MORE GROUPS (ONE OF WHICH INCLUDES UNION CARBIDE AS A PARTNER) BUILDING NEW PLANTS FOR ITS MANUFACTURE.

3. THE STAR ON JULY 17 SAID THE SAG WAS EXPECTED TO "CHALLENGE" THE US TREASURY RULING. IT MENTIONED THAT THIS RULING APPLIED TO SOME 30 COMMODITIES FROM A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES AND PLACED THE MEASURE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE US TRADE ACT OF 1974. THE PAPER RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE APPLICABILITY OF US COUNTERVAILING DUTIES AGAINST SUBSIDISED EXPORTS FROM THE USSR. FINALLY, THE ARTICLE QUOTED DR. REYNOLDERS, HEAD OF A COMMISSION THAT HAD RECOMMENDED THE SAG'S EXPORT INCENTIVES FOR MINERALS PROCESSING, AS STATING THAT HE BELIEVED THESE INCENTIVES WERE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GATT, THAT THE US HAS ITS OWN PROBLEMS WITH GATT OVER AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS, AND THAT THE SAG SHOULD CONTINUE WITH ITS EXPORT INCENTIVES AS RECOMMENDED.  
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